Average output of Salt in Tamaracolam Factories.

191. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the average annual production of salt per acre in the Tamaracolam salt factories from 1085 to 1100?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Appendix XIV of the Administration Reports of the Excise Department for those years.

Grant of Remissions to Licensees.

192. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any remission has been granted to any of the licensees from 1090 to 1097, and if so, the names of the persons to whom such remission was granted and the amount of remissions granted and the year during which they were granted?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the licensees to whom remissions were granted from 1098 to 1100 and the amount of remission granted to each?

(*c*) Was it after making provision for recovering the charges due to the Government under establishment, contingencies, etc., that the remission was granted?

(*d*) Has remission been granted to any one without calculating and recovering these expenses? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the name of that licensee and also the amount of remission granted?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Statements* containing the information are laid on the table.

(*c*) and (*d*) As the remissions were still subject to the payment of duty on the quantity of salt remitted, there was no necessity for making provision for the recovery of the charges referred to.

Variyur Salt Factory.

193. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state when the Variyur salt factory was re-registered for the production of salt?

(*b*) Has the Government acquired the land? If so, at what cost?

(*c*) What is the present expenditure under establishment and contingencies?

(*d*) What is the expenditure on account of the construction of buildings necessary for the Variyur salt factory?

(*e*) What is the amount spent for the construction of the road to the Variyur salt factory?

(*f*) How much money is being realised annually by the 5 per cent. duty?

(*g*) What is the amount paid as *kudivaram*?

* *Vide* Appendices IX A & IX B—page 631.

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